with names of individual firm/con-arn both at Burnpur and Kulti for these years?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : The offort involved in coll cting this information will not be commi n-surate with the results achieved.

Funds grants for the development of Calcutta

1496 SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Calcutta Corporation has applied to the Central Government for special fund/grants for urban development of the city ; and

(b) if so, the details there of and Government reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

T. V. and Radio programmes in local languages for North-Eastern States

1497. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what measures are being taken to counteract the propaganda ofRadio Beijing and Bangladesh aimed at North Eastern States ; and

(b) what steps, are being taken to introduceDoordarshau programme in local languages for the North Eastern area and set up powerful Radio Broadcasting Station ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) The broadcasts of Radio Beijing and Bangladesh ae monitored by AIR. Whereever adverse broadcasts are noticed, appropriate corrective action to present the matter in the proper perspective is taken n AIR'S news bulletins and external broadcasts. Additionally, the existing 11 AIR Stations in the North East area project the national point of view on important issues.

(b) The power of the transmitter at AIR, Dibrugarh is being increased from 100 KW to 300 KW Medium Wave . AIR Tezu and Tawang which have at present low power transmitters will be equipped with 10 KW Medium Wave transmitters and AIR Itanagar which, under the interim set up , has a 1 Kilo Watt Medium Wave transmitter will be equipped with 100 KW Medium Wave Transmitter and a 50 KW Short Wave transmitter as part of the VII Five Year Plan Schemes. 15 New Radio Stations are also scheduled to be set up in the North-East under the Seventh Five Year Plan. All these Stations will be programme originating centres.

2. Doordarshan proposes to provide a common TV service to the North-Eastern region by utilising the C Band transponder upto 2040 hrs. for carrying North-Eastern language programmes. Thereafter, all the Centres shall be relaying the National Programmes from Delhi.

Listening of AIR Broadcasts in the United States of America

1498. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state what steps are being taken to strengthen the broadcasting by AIR to enable its listening in the United States of America?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : The transmissions over the External Services of AIR do not reach the United